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made special ar-Send this with a rangements with 2-cent stamp to the publishers to Wells, Richardson give the book free & Co., Burlington, to any of its read-ty., and receive ers who send the free, by mail, one coupon with a 2-copy of "Home cent stamp to copy of "Hor Dressmaking." | Wells, Richardson The edition is limited, and any one who wants the book should send at once.

PROSPEROUS GATE CITY.

The Town Has Greatly Improved-Affairs in Scott County.

GATE CITY, VA., April 1 -(Special.)-Uhis town has never had a "boom," in the ordinary meaning of the term, yet Its real estate has borne a good price. Which, instead of declining, has steadily Increased. It is safe to say that no other town of its size in Virginia has shown such substantial growth and improvement as Gate City has within the past ten or fifteen years. At the close of the war it was only a small, dismantled village, with no business houses except old dilapidated structures that would scarce ly be used now for barber-shops or butcher-stalls. The dwellings, with the exception of three or four "fine old places," were in keeping with the business houses. Now the town has a large number of fine business houses, built in wedlers the old dwellings. modern style, while the old dwellings have not only been replaced by handsome new buildings, but the commons, on which cattle formerly grazed, have become dotted over with splendid residences and laid out in beautiful yards and gardens. Two fine business blocks, containing six immense ground-floor storerooms, are nearing completion, all of which will be taken as soon as finished. The court-house at Gate City is new, and the largest in Southwest Virginia, while the old log school-house, which was so long a disgrace to the town and county, has been superseded by Shoemaker College, the first session of which has an enrolment of over two hundred students, The progress of improvement has been

no less rapid and steady in the country than in the town. On every hand elegant new residences great the eye of the traveller. Intelligent and progressive thods of farming are rapidly supplanting the old slipshod methods. The crops are cultivated and harvested by machinery, and fine, blooded cattle have taken the ice of the scrub stock of former times, andsome, modern school-houses have been erected in almost every community, and many fine church houses have re-cently "reared their spires toward Hea-Altogether, the progress of our hitherto obscure county, within the past few years has been highly gratifying. its outlook at present is indeed

Since the trouble with Spain arose the Dispatch has been more eagerly read here than ever before, notwithstanding its long-established popularity. The pec have learned to confide in it perhaps no other agency has more influnties than has the It is rapidly killing the power of "yellov

Heavy rains visited this section in the early part of the week, and the streams are very much swollen. The long-wishedhas made the log- and lumber men happy.

The freeze a few years ago killed nearall the peach-trees in this section. Other trees were planted, and many of them are large enough to bear. The fine peach bloom this spring indicates that, if not killed, there will be a considerable crop of the luscious fruit this year Scott has long been noted as an growing county, and that erop also prom Mr. Joseph E. Tate; a prominent citizer

living six miles from town, was bitten on the hand by a rabid dog a few days since, and his friends are quite uneasy about him.

## ERNEST GILL INJURED.

Picked to in An Unconscious Con dition-Unable to Explain.

ROANOKE, VA., April 1 .- (Special) -- A few days ago Ernest Gill, a young man residing on Second avenue, northwest was paid off by the Norfolk and Wester Railway Company, for whom he worked and he came down town, ostensibly to pay his bills. For several days he was not heard of, and his family began a search for him. After two days he was taken home, minus all his money, and in a semi-conscious condition, and has remained so ever since. It was learned to day that Mr. Gill was picked up near the murket-house and carried to Dr. Canna-day's office, where he remained unidentified and unconscious for some time. The persons who carried him to the dector's office are as yet unknown, and there is drugged and robbed. His present condition is of such a nature that he is unable to give any information as to the causes which led to his present trouble.

Mr. Gill was injured on the Norfolk and Western about a year ago, and for severa weeks hovered between life and death. Epecial-Officer R. M. Beard has been promoted to a regular place on the police force of this city by Mayor Andrews.

BANK CASHIER DROWNED.

Indications Point to Suicide, But

There are Other Theories. SAVANNAH, GA., April 1.-A special from Brunswick, Ga., to the Morning News says: Cashier Louis Fieming, of the Brunswick Savings and Trust Company, was drowned yesterday. Indication point to suicide, but several theories are advanced. The bank officials announce that his cash and book accounts are straight, except for an error in addition of \$100 on his discount book.

Bank-Examiner Speer reached Bruns wick yesterday. He checked up Mr. Flem-ing's cash and it proved correct. He then checked his books and found the small effor of file. Fleming's attention was called to the error. He put on his hat and said he would be back shortly. Two hours afterward his body was found floating in the river. A run commenced on the bank. All demands were promptly met, and the bank remained open fitteen minutes after banking hours to raw deminutes after banking hours to pay de

It is believed that yesterday when Examiner Speer spoke of the small error, Mr. Fleming became temporarily anbalanced He had been working unusually hard, day and night, for months, and his highstrung, sensitive nature is believed to have given way. He is believed to have misunderstood the examiner and taken the remark as a reflection upon his the remark as a reflection upon his

## A USEFUL MAN GONE.

COLONEL JAMES KERR EDMONDSON DIES IN LEXINGTON.

HE WAS A MOST VALUABLE CITIZEN.

Prominent in the Confederate Service and at the Virginia Bar-Faithful and Capable in Every Walk of Life.

LEXINGTON, VA., April 1 .- (Special.)-Colonel James Kerr Edmondson died at his residence here last night. He was 65 years of age and had been ill with Bright's disease for a period of fourteen months. His condition of late had been slightly improved, so much so, in fact, that it was thought he would soon be out of the house. Thursday morning he appeared to be asleep, and no effort was made by the family to awake him until after breakfast, when their efforts to arouse him were without avail. He was insensible, and medical aid was summoned and all the family assembled. He remained in a comatose condition until the end. The entire community was greatly shocked when it was reported that his death was momentarily expected, and great sympathy was expressed on all sides, for he was a man admired and loved by all with whom he came in contact. He was absolutely without fear, and in all his dealings honorable and up-SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

James K. Edmondson was born on North river, a quarter of a mile south of Buena Vista. His father was James



JUDGE J. K. EDMONDSON.

Edmondson. He received his education at Washington College, now Washington and Lee University, and in 1853 entered the County Clerk's office, of Rockbridge. where he served as a deputy for County-Clerk Charles Chapin until 1860. He was then for one year Town Sergeant and Clerk. In 1851 he entered the Confederate service as a lieutenant of the Rockbridge Rifles, and for distinguished bravery was successively made captain and major, and recommended for still higher military honors by General Jackson He was noted for his bravery in many fights, and took part in all the engagements in which the celebrated Stonewall Brigade participated, and as colonel he commanded the celebrated Twenty-seventh Virginia Regiment at the battle of Chancellorsville. In that engagement he lost an arm and was forced to retire from service. He returned to Lexington and assumed command of the military post

CLERK AND JUDGE. In the fall of 1863, on the death of Clerk Chapin, he was appointed to fill the va-cancy, and was afterwards elected and served in that position until removed by the military power in 1868. In 1869 he studied law at the Washington and Lee term of six years. He declined another election. He then devoted himself to the practice of law, and enjoyed a large, confidential, and lucrative practice until the time of his death. He was until re-cently a commissioner in chancery, and held the honored position of receiver of the Circuit Court for a period of twelve years, which position he resigned March 4th on account of his ill-health. He administered this position with rare ability, and handled over \$1,000,000, during which judicious investment of the funds. To his successor he turned over securities amounting to \$76,641.71. He was county chairman of the Democratic party for number of years, and worked his forces with the adroitness of a skilled soldier and commander. It was under his mangement that the county threw off the Mahone yoke and polled one of the largest votes in its history when General Fitzhugh Lee was elected Governor of Virginia. In 1893 he was sent to the Vircinia Legislature, and was a member of the Finance Committee, He made great impression on his associates as a He was administrator and trus tee of many estates, and up to the time of his death was assignee of the Bank of Lexington, which was wrecked. By his skill the depositors were paid a divi of 671-3 per cent, of their deposits

in that institution. OTHER PUBLIC DUTIES. He was at one time a member of the Board of Visitors of the Western State

## **Kidneus**

are the seat or the starting point of many maladies, all of them serious, all more or less painful, and all of them tending, unless cured, to a fatal end. No organs of the body are more delicate or more sensitive than the kidneys. When symptoms of disease appear in them not a moment is to be lost if health is to be restored. The best way to treat the kidneys is through the blood, cleansing it from the poisonous matter which is usually at the bottom of kidney complaints. For this purpose there is no remedy

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

"For many years I have been a constant sufferer from kidney trouble, and have tried a number of largely advertised kidney cures without benefit. At last a friend advised me to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla. The use of eight bottles of this remedy entirely cured my malady."—Mary Miller, 1238 Hancock Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

DOING GOOD EVERYWHELE.

A Medical Discovery That Effectually Cures Piles in Every Form. For many years physicians have exrimented in vain, seeking a remedy which would effectually cure plies and other rectal troubles, without resorting to a surgical operation. Many remedies were found to give temporary relief, but none could be depended upon to make

lasting, satisfactory cure.

Within a recent period, however, a new remedy, the Pyramid Pile Cure, has been repeatedly tested in hundreds of cases and with highly satisfactory re-

The first effect of the Pyramid Pile Cure is to instantly remove the pain and irritation generally present, and from that time on the cure rapidity progresses, and before the patient is hardly aware of it he is entirely cured. The remedy seems to act directly on the nerves and blood vessels of the parts affected as it comes into direct contact with them and sets up a healthy action, which, in a perfectly natural way, brings the parts to their normal condition.

The remedy does its work without any pain or inconvenience to the sufferer, and is justly considered one of the most meritorious discoveries of modern medicine.

Piles is one of the most annoying and often times dangerous diseases which humanity is afflicted. If neglected it frequently develops into fistula or som equally fatal or incurable trouble, whereas, by the timely use of this simple, bu effective, remedy no one need suffer a single day from any form of piles unless they want to.

The Pyramid Pile Cure is perfectly harmless, containing no mineral poisons and is also very reasonable in price, costing but 50 cents a package. It is sold in drugstores everywhere. The manufac-turers of the remedy are the Pyramid Drug Company, of Marshall, Mich., who placed this excellent preparation before the public only after giving it thorough and repeated tests in the hands of reputable physicians. The results in hundreds of cases have convinced us that it will not disappoint you.

Hospital for the Insane at Staunton. He had been a member of the Board of Trustees of Washington and Lee Uni-versity since 1870, and was also at the time of his death a member of the Board of Visitors of the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institution at Staunton. He was chairman of the Jackson-memorial fund, and through his untiring efforts the heroic bronze statue which stands as a memorial to Stonewall Jackson was erected. There was no man in Rockbridge whose record was better known than his. He was an uncompromising Democrat in politics and an active worker.

He married a Miss Taylor, who sur-

vives him. They were not blessed with children, but adopted two nieces, Misses Monroe, both of whom are married. The younger one. Mrs. Paul Penick, resided with him. Judge Edmondson was a pre-cousin of Frank T. Glasgow, Esq., of

Richmone Colonel Edmondson's funeral takes place to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock from the Presbyterian church.

TO REORGANIZE THE POLICE.

Changes in Petersburg's Force-Political and Matrimonial News.

PETERSBURG, VA., April 1.-(Special.) At the final meeting last night of the committee of the Common Council to whom was delegated the authority to consider and report a plan for the reor-ganization of the Police Department, it was agreed to report to the Council tonight a plan of organization of the police orps radically different from that in vogue for many years past. If the new plan should be adopted it will materially plan should be adopted it with materially affect the standing of many of the members of the present corps, who have proved themselves good and efficient officers. The recommendations of the committee are: That the officers and privates of the corps shall be twenty-two, instead of twenty-six, in number; that the light of see shall be 5 years; height the limit of age shall be 45 years; height at least 5 feet 6 inches; weight, 149 pounds; health and physical condition good; all candidates to be able to read ty Judge of Rockbridge county for a and write and to be men of good characterm of five years, and re-elected for a ter; a patrol wagon to be provided and ter; a patrol wagon to be provided and a sanitary inspector to be appointed from the members of the corps. The re-port provides for the appointment of a board of police commissioners, with au-thority to examine as to qualifications and recommend candidates to the Common Council. This commission is to be composed jointly of members of the Council and citizens. The present plan requires the appointment of an equal number of police officers from each ward; the new plan does away with this. OF POLITICAL INTEREST.

A meeting of the Democratic District Committee of the Fourth District will be held at the Shirley Hotel, in this city, to-morrow to consider the question of calling a convention to nominate a can-didate for Congress from this district. The members of the committee are Mafor F. R. Lassiter, chairman; Thomas N., Williams, of Mecklenburg; Sidney P. Epes, of Nottoway; Alexander King, of Sussex, and General George J. Hundley, of Amelia. It is not probable that Mr. S. P. Epes will have opposition before

Mr. Robert Gilliam, Clerk of the courts, has been busy to-day issuing certificates to Confederate pensioners, of whom there are about twenty in this city.

Cards of invitation are out to the marriage of Miss Emma Robinson Boisseau and Mr. Abram Bruner, at Crewe, on the 12th of April.

During the month of April sixty-five arrests for all causes were made by the police of this city.

The commissioners appointed by the County Court of Dinwiddle to appraise the value of lands wanted for the use of the value of lands wanted for the use of the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina railroad to-day appraised the land of Mr. J. C. Smith, of which about sixteen acres are needed, at \$2,700.

The tobacco market here has been considerably affected by the rumors of war, and planters are disposed to hold back their crops.
On account of to-day's news from

Washington relative to the war crisis, feeling here has been quite excited. Our military companies are ready for any emergency.

LIVERY STABLE BURNED.

Worthy Fredericksburg Negro Sus-

tains Heavy Losses by Fire. FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 1 .-(Special.)-David Ennis (colored), proprietor of a livery stable here, had his property burned this morning about 3 o'clock. He lost five head of horses and several carriages, and was only partially insured. The loss is a heavy one to him. He is a most worthy man, and our people generally are disposed to help him

The war rumors that are received here hourly keep our people in a continual state of excitement. The bulletin boards are surrounded by an eager crowd, who are loud in their expressions of what they

think is criminal delay.

The few country people that come to town report the roads worse than they ever saw them before.

There has been a marked improvement in the wheat and grass crops hereabouts in the last ten days.

PREPARING THE NAVAL RESERVES Governor Russell, of North Carolina.

Recruiting the Divisions. RALEIGH, N. C., April 1 .- (Special.)-In compliance with a request from the In compliance with a request from the Navy Department to prepare the Naval Reserves for a sudden call for service by the President, Governor Russell ordered Commander Morton to recruit each division to its maximum strength (sixty-four), and to inspect all vessels and ascertain those which can be made available as a mosquito fleet. Temple, Pemberton,

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Our stock of Ladies', Gentlemen's, and Children's Medium-Weight Underwear, especially adapted to the present season's wants, is worth your attention.

Light-Weight Ribbed Merino Wool Vests, in both long and short sleeves, 50, 60, and 65c. CHILDREN'S

Light-Weight Merino Vests, Pants, and Drawers, 50, 60, 65, and 75c. LADIES'

Gossamer-Weight Merino Vests and Pants, \$1. Ladies' Gauze Wool Vests and Pants, \$1 and \$2. Ladies' All-Wool Gauze Vests and Pants, \$2. GENTLEMEN'S

Gossamer-Weight Shirts and Draw-Gentlemen's Merino Shirts and Drawers, White and Natural, \$1. We are agents for Dr. Jaeger's Sanitary Woollen Underwear, and carry a complete line of Ladies', Gentlemen's, and Children's, in all weights and sizes.

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Warmer Than for the Same Month in The following is the weather report for

March, the readings of the thermomete having been taken a few miles from the city with a government instrument:

CONDITIONS.	7 A. M.	Minimum.	Rainfall— Inches.	Maximum.	Wind.
1-Clear (1)	26	25		49	N.
2-Cloudy(2)	38	37			N. E.
3-Clear	30	30	*****	48	N.
4-Cloudy (3)	33	32		39	N. E.
:>-Clear	33		*****	49	N.W.
6-Clear	31			5.2	S. E.
7-Partly cloudy	30			51	N. E.
8-Cloudy (4)	3.4			57	N.E.
9-Cloudy (5)	35			60	N.W.
10-Cloudy (6)	43	42			E. E.
11-Partiy cl'y (7)	48	46	*****	74	En.
12-Partly 6.'y (8)	55 62		*****	72	
13-Partly cloudy	43				N.
15-Clear (9)	35		*****		w.
16-Cloudy	42		.14		
17—Cloudy (10)	52				E.
18-Cloudy	47		*****		N.
19-Cloudy	50		.11	82	
20-Partly cloudy	67	60			w.
21-Cloudy	55			60	
22-Cioudy	45	45		65	
23-Partly cloudy	62		*****		W.
24-Cloudy (11)	5.2	52	.93		W.
25-Cloudy	43	42			N. E.
26-Clearing (12).	36			59	W.
27-Cloudy (13).	50	50		71	E;
28-Cloudy	58			74	
29-Cloudy (14)	57	55			W.
30-Cloudy (15)	42	42	.26		N.W.
31-Cloudy	41	41		54	N.

Mean temperature for the month 51.6. Amount of rainfall, 3.43 inches. 1. Heavy frost.
2. Rain 9 A. M., changing to hall and snow; snow-storm 9:30 to 10:30, followed by rain.
3. Snow during night; rain in the morn-

changing to hail and snow; rain and snow all day. 5. Heavy fog. 6. Light rain at intervals in the eve ing. 7. Heavy fog. Wild geese passed. 8. Slight shower 2:30 P. M.

Thunder. 11. Rain all day; thunder and lightning the evening.

2. Frost; thin ice.

3. Rain early in the morning.

4. Rain; light in forenoon; heavier in ternoon; storm in evening; rain till 7 M., 30.

15. Light rain at intervals in the after-

During the month there were only six clear mornings, eighteen cloudy, and seven partly cloudy at the time of observation. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT. In the table below will be found the nean temperature and the amount of ainfall during the corresponding month for the past nineteen years, the rainfall being measured at 7 o'clock each morn-

	ture, I	nches.
1879	38.3	2.28 5.42
1880	46.7	5.42
1881	45.2	3.74
1882	50.3	2.48
1883		2.01
1884		5.53
1885		2.00
1886		3.70
1887	43.2	2.52
1888		5.26
1889	46.1	3.68
1899	47.5	3.47
1891	44.2	3.47 9.70 3.63
1892	45.0	3.46
1893	46.9	1.38
1894	53.7	1.35
1896	45.4	9.00
1896 1897	Kt 4	5.00
1898	45.9 45.4 51.4 51.6	2.42
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	e rainfall is about the average	e, but

much greater than that of February.

At the Soldiers' Home.

Rev. Dr. Nelson, of Immanuel Baptist church, conducted the services in the chapel at the Soldiers' Home yesterday, for the Central Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and preached a fine ser-mon from Matthew xi., 29-"Take My yoke upon you." The hospital was visited and literature distributed. The veterans are conducting a Monday prayer-meeting, and earnestly request Christian workers in the city to assist. Dr. J. William es will conduct the noonday service to-day.

Mr. Wray T. Knight Ill. Mr. Wray T. Knight, the newly-appoint-

ed postmaster of this city, is ill at his residence, on the corner of Ninth and Franklin streets. His condition precludes all possibility of his taking charge of the post-office, at least for several A Bailliff Appointed.

United-States-Marshal Morgan Treat

yesterday appointed S. C. Scott (colored), of Henrico county, balliff of the United States District Court, in Richmond. The Local Histrions.

The Jefferson Dramatic Club has established headquarters in Room No. 7 of the Ebel building. There was a reading rehearsal there last night, and the or-ganization decided to embark on some settled work in the near future.

MOVEMENTS OF OUR FORMIDABLE BATTLESHIPS IN THE ROADS.

PUTTING EYERYTHING IN READINESS.

Commodore Schley Receives a Cipher Message, But Its Contents Are Unknown-Preparations at Fort Monroe-Caulkers Resume Work.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., April 1 --(Special.)-Commodore Winfield Scott Schley, commanding the Hampton Roads, or flying squadron, received a cipher dispatch from Washington this afternoon asking how soon he will be ready to take his ships to sea.

The dispatch stated, further that it is imperative that an immediate answer be forwarded to the Navy Department.

It is learned from a trustworthy source that Commodore Schley sent an immediate reply, but its contents, or even some idea of their nature, cannot be learned. It is believed, however, that the Commander replied that he could place his vessels in readiness for action by tomorrow, but would prefer to await the arrival of the cruiser Massachusetts before putting to sea.

CLEANING THE MASSACHUSETTS.

The work of cleaning and scraping the bottom of the battleship Massachu s being carried on very hurriedly to-day. The news that war is inevitable has made the officers of the big fighter somewhat anxious about the future of their ship. One of the officers informed me this morning that the work of cleaning the ship's hull would require at least ten days by the present method. work by the divers must necessarily be very slow, as it is impossible to make rapid progress. If war is declared next Monday or Tuesday it is possible that sufficient of the sea growth will have been removed from the forward sides of the Massachusetts to enable her to take her place with the rest of the flying squadron. Of course, she will go into ac-tion when it is necessary, but unless her

tion when it is necessary, but unless her hull is pretty well cleaned she will not be able to make the required speed. A force of ship-yard employees is busy on the flagship Brooklyn to-day repairing the turrets and fittings to the rapid-fire guns. While the damage to these parts is not serious at all, Commodore Schiey is determined to take his ship into action when ordered without the slightest The ship-yard experts who are doing the work have been ordered to rush it to completion by to-night,

THE BROOKLYN HARDLY READY. An officer from the Massachusetts stated this morning that he understood that the Brooklyn is hardly ready to leave this port, and he believes the story that she will weigh anchor to-night and oin the Columbia to be without foun-

Captain Higginson, of the Massachusetts, denied to-day the published story hat nineteen of his marines had been ocked up some time yesterday for in-oxication. Such a story, he said, being, s it is, without foundation, is not calcuated to reflect credit upon a naval ves sel. It is true, he said, that a great deal of whiskey has been sold to seamen and marines from the pleasure pier and car-ried by them aboard the ship, but no member of the crew has been locked up or drunkenness.

Yesterday was pay-day aboard the dassachusetts, and only a small number f seamen and marines were allowed

HOLDING THE SEAMEN DOWN, The police have been busy all day aresting seamen and marines from the bat-Massachusetts, who remained ishore for a longer period than their iberty permitted. When the last messes of sailors and

narines were given liberty last night, hey were made to understand that they nust be back on the ship at 9 o'clock this norning. When the hour of 9 rolled round, and there were still absent thiry-nine sailors, Captain Higginson sent instructions to the Police Department to arrest any man found ashore who beenged to the battleship. Accompanying this order was a reward

of \$10 per man for each and every seaman delivered to the officers of the ship, making a total of \$390, that the commander was willing to pay for the detention of his crew. Not a little significance attaches to this

order. It is not likely that Captain Higginson would offer \$390 for runaway sea-men unless there were some important orders in the wind.

Before noon to-day the police had ar-rested twenty of the thirty-nine absent sailors, and all of them will probably be apprehended before night. There is now no doubt that Commodore

Schley is prepared to move his squadron moment's notice. FORT NEARLY READY. The emplacements at Fortress Monro

are all ready for the new rapid-fire rifles which have been ordered by Colonel Frank, the commandant, and which, in all probability, will arrive some next week. Until the guns arrive little more can be done on the emplacements since drawings of the guns have not yet arrived from Europe, and the finishi touches cannot be put to the emplace-ments until these are available. There is a great demand for rapid-fire guns at all of the defences on the Atlantic coast, and requisitions were so numerous that the government was obliged to place orders with European gun manufacturers. As Fortress Monroe is regarded as the most important objective point on the Atlantic coast, it is more than probable that the first guns to arrive will be forwarded directly to Old Point for the Hampton Roads stronghold.

It is expected that a consignment of twenty 5- and 6-inch rapid-fire rifles will arrive in New York to-morrow, together with type-drawings. These drawings will forwarded immediately to Fortress Monroe and other points where rifles are needed badly, and the guns will follow with carriages as soon thereafter as prac-ticable. It is estimated by the engineer officers at the fort that, with the drawings in hand in advance and the guns received within the next week, the rapidfire battery at Fortress Monroe can be ready for action by the second week in April.

The necessity for rapid-fire rifles at the

formidable key to the Norfolk navy-yard, the Newport News ship-yard, the cities at which these great war-plants are located, as well as the State capital, is very apparent. Colonel Frank is authority for the statement that the fort in its present condition is powerless to resist the advance of torpedo-boats, either by day or night, as the big guns now in position are entirely too heavy and too slowly operated to follow the lightning-like movements of the swift little ship-destroyers. It is understood that when the diagram drawings of the new rifles are received

at the fort, places will be made for the at the fort, places will be made for the guns on the big corner of the strong-hold, which commands a view down th-Roads and up to the James and Elizabeth rivers. At this point, it will be possible to train the rifles on a ship either below or above the fort. Eight-inch converted rifles now occupy the position in which YOU HEAR SO MUCH ABOUT

Those

you star so minute bodies invisible to the unaided eye. They float in the air and we take them into our lungs. But they are harmless unless they find a proper soil. They cannot live and grow in perfectly healthy throat and lungs. Sout's Emulsion may be said to act as a reinforcement to the body; it nourishes it, supplies

NEWPORT NEWS BUSY Miller & Rhoads, Broad Street, Near Fifth.

Saturday Sale Laces, Veilings, Etc.

Our Fancy Goods Department offers for to-day's shoppers quite an aggregation of small lots in LACES, VEILINGS, MULL TIES, FRINGED SCARFS, RUFFS, AND RUCHINGS—goods that were bought at "snat py" prices, or new goods in small quantities that must be wiped up quickly. A few of the lots:

Black Russian Net Neck Ruffs, edged in colors, satin-ribbon ende, Silk Point d'Esprite Neck Ruffs, Black or White, full and flufty, Picot edge, satin-ribbon ends, worth 50c. each. To-day's price, 25c. Each.

Full-Length Sheer Mull Ties, 7 inches wide, and nicely 12 Patterns, French Valenciennes Edge, all new, and some worth 22c, piece 12 1-2c. Piece Odd lot Ladies' All-Linen Collars, regular 12 1-2c. goods, new shapes, but slightly soiled. 5c. Each. Fish-Net and Fancy Mesh Veiling, in Black, White, Jackdaw, Magpie, Navy, and Brown. Special price 11c. Yard. Real Chenille Dotted Tuxedo Veiling, variety of patterns, all new meshes. eshes.... Pleated Liberty Silks, new patterns, all colors, worth 89c. day's price. 69c.

Bayadere Necktie Ribbons, 20 different colorings, new. 10c.

Fringed-End Neckties, in new checks and stripes. 25c.

New Bayadere Neckties, 4 inches wide, heavy knotted fringe

New Chiffon Bands for Millinery purposes, in checks, stripes, and 

## Miller & Rhoads, "The Always-Busy Store."

promise verdict in favor of the plaints

for \$20,000. Bird & Co. sued for \$30,000

In the same court Judge Paul rendered

an opinion in the suit of Schultz, re-ceiver of the Franklin Bass Company, of

Buchanan, vs. the Home Insurance Com-pany, of New York, and the Astna In-surance Company, of Hartford, in favor of the defendant companies. The amount

TALKING OF WAR WITH SPAIN.

Williamsburgers Deeply Interested-

Mr. Coleman Doing Well.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., April 1 -(Spe-

c!al.)-Our people are very much stirred

up over the war news, and numbers of them gather around the bulletin-board

every morning to learn the latest. We

have very few "jingoes" among us, but

all are of the opinion that the blowing up of our battleship and the cold-blooded

murder of 266 of our sailors should be

MR. COLEMAN IMPROVING

Mr. Charles Coleman, the college libra-

rian, who was so badly used up in his fall of twenty-seven feet from the galley

in the library to the main floor, is doing

as well as could be expected. His left

arm is completely crushed, and will be of

little or no use to him hereafter. He is attended by Drs. James D. Moneure and

George A. Hankins. It will be some time before Mr. Coleman can sit up.

Mr. George W. Bacon, an old Confederate veteran from James City, was in

own to-day to learn the latest news. He

says he followed Fitz, and is ready to fol-

low him again. Mr. Bacon is a great

reader of the Dispatch, and says he can't

lo without it. Mr. Robert M. Hughes, from Norfolk

who has been here on business, returned home this morning.

this morning were the following from Richmond: Mrs. Howard D. Hoge and

Mrs. Julian Harrison Chalkley, There are a large number of arrivals here from

the Old Point hotels almost every day.

at the beautiful home, "The Grove," Mrs., Harris, wife of Captain John M. Harris,

Alice Mitchell Dead.

friend, died yesterday in the State asylum at Bolivar, Tenn., where she had

been confined since the trial. The cause

B. Y. P. U. Quarterly Meeting.

The quarterly meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union of Richmond and Manchester, will be held at 4 o'clock Sun-

day afternoon at Calvary Baptist church corner of Pine and Grace streets. The

various unions will report at 3:45 o'clock

for assignment to their places in the church. The meeting will be an exceed-

ingly interesting one, its main feature being an address by Rev. Z. T. Sweeney,

The following programme will be ren-

dered: Gospel Hymn, "Showers of Bless-

Offering Solo, Haddon S. Watkins; Ac

dress, Dr. Z. T. Sweeney; Solo, Frank W.

Cunningham; Awarding of Banner; Gos-pel Hymn, "My Country, "Tis of Thee," No. 234; Benediction.

Prevalence of Meningitis.

The readers of the Richmond newspa

pers must have been struck for the past

few weeks with the alarming prevalence

of meningitis, which has manifested it-

gelf in several varieties. Physicians say

that it amounts practically to an epide-

mic, and is contracted from germs which

are in the atmosphere. It is said to extend from Richmond to the coast. One species of the disease affects the brain.

and is known as cerebro-meningitis, and another attacks the covering of the spi-

nal-chord, and is called spinal-menia-

The disease first manifests itself in a

sharp pain in the back of the neck, fol

lowed by great nausea, a feeling of lan-

guor, then coms, and finally, in many cases, death. This same disease has re-

cently been causing much loss of life in

First Market Matters.

"Throw Out the Life-Line," No. 265 ports from Senior Unions; Reports Junior Unions; Cornet Solo, G. B

of Seventh-Street Christian

No. (10; Prayer; Gospel Hymn, ow Out the Life-Line," No. 165; Re-

of death is not known.

Dr. and Mrs. Booth have as their guest

Among the large party of visitors here

involved is about \$20,000.

avenged.

the rapid-fire guns will be placed. As a land, vs. S. P. Halsey, rendered precaution for safety, the converted promise verdict in favor of the precaution for safety, the converted rifles will not be disturbed until the other

guns arrive.

Batteries F and H, of the Sixth Artillery, which arrived at Fort Monroe yes-terday from Fort McHenry, near Baltimore, have already been assigned to quarters, and the details of officers will be arranged at once. The new batteries, together with Battery F, of the Fourth Artillery, which recently arrived at the fort from Fort Riley, Kan., are being drilled at every opportunity in order to occustom them to the new work before

The two new mortars, which arrived at the fort Wednesday night, are to ing placed in position. The sixteenth mortar has not yet arrived, but the masked battery can be made ready for action to-morrow, if necessary. CHANGES AT THE DRY-DOCK.

The unexpected visit of Mr. Calvin B. Orcutt, president of the Newport News Ship-Building and Dry-Dock Company, to the city yesterday, followed so closely after his trip on the occasion of the double launching, is fully explained in the change of management to go in effect at the ship-yard next Monday morning, Mayor Walter A. Post will hereafter be Mayor Walter A. Post will hereafter b News Ship-Bullding and Dry-Dock Com-pany, and will rank next to President Orcutt in the management of the ship-yard's affairs. Mr. Matt. V. D. Doughty yard's affairs. Mr. Matt. V. D. Doughty will be the superintendent of construction, and will have entire control of every-thing appertaining to the hull depart-ment. Mr. James Rowbottom will be pro-

moted. It is also learned that there will be further changes made which will create not a little surprise to the people of Newport News. The solution of this unexpected turn of affairs is found in a few words—dissatisfaction and rivalry among holders of responsible positions. President Orcutt paid a flying visit to Newport News in order to make arrange ments for the new regime.

STRIKERS RESUME WORK. The fifty caulkers and chippers who laid down their tools yesterday morning at the ship-yard and quit work, because they were receiving only \$2 per diem, when the profession elsewhere is receiving \$2.50, returned to their duties this morning the whole difficulty having been morning, the whole difficulty having been satisfactorily adjusted.

For some time the men have been c plaining to their boss, Archibald Shanklin, that they were not being paid standard wages, but he took no heed of their words, and failed to report the matter to the ship-yard officials. Yesterday the throat of Freda Ward, an intimate the men went to him, individuals. morning the men went to him, individually, and asked for an increase. Shanklin refused, and the men then quit work. It was not an organized strike, and there was no leader. The men declared that they would not strike, but if their demand was not heeded they would go to the Gosport navy-yard, where caulkers are wanted in numbers and where standard wages were being paid by the gov-

It is learned to-night that Mr. Som mers N. Smith, the retiring superin tendent of the ship-yard, has purchased the controlling interest in the Neaffie & Levy ship-yard, at Philadelphia. Mr. Smith's contract with the local company expired two years ago, and since that time he has been working on an annual arrangement, not caring to renew the contract. He resigned as superintendent in February to take effect to-day. He was offered inducements to remain here but he preferred to operate his own ship-building plant. At Neaffle & Levy's ship-yard he will have full control, and will himself superintend all work contracted for. The papers closing the dear reached Mr. Smith only this morning. Mr. Smith came from Neaffle & Levy's yard to Newport News seven years ago.

A VERY PROSPEROUS CONCERN. Annual Meeting of the Chase City Manufacturing Company,

CHASE CITY, VA., April 1 .- (Special.)-The Chase City Manufacturing Company, incorporated, held its annual meeting last night. This is one of the most important enterprises of this section, employing many skilled operatives, and is a great factor in advancing the material inter-erts of the town. Its principal manufacture is farm- and road-wagons, although other vehicles, barrel headings, stoves, and dressed material for buildings are turned out. Its wagons are in use, and constantly shipped to Southern and Western States.

The officers for the ensuing year elected at this meeting were: Lucius Gregory, president; Eugene S. Emory, general manager, and Walter V. Gregory, secretary and treasurer. Directors-C. E. Stuart, L. Gregory, George B. Finch, E. S. Emory, W. V. Gregory, and C. S. Hutcheson The report of the company's condition

was highly satisfactory, and it enters upon its third year of work with the most encouraging prospects. Its capital is am-ple, and the officers are men of recognized usiness sagacity and progressive ideas. After the meeting the Board of Directors gave a banquet at the Bancroft Hotel to the officers, stockholders, and many invited guests. This was splendidly pre-pared and served by the experienced proorietor. All the obtainable luxuries from land and water were supplied, and it was an occasion of genial pleasure and rare enjoyment. The table was artistically arranged, the

centreplece being a miniature wagon. decorated with exquisite and beautiful graphephone were a pleasant diversion. Appropriate souvenirs were given each participant in the feast, and at its conclusion "the continued success and prosperity of the Chase City Manufacturing Company" was the sentiment proposed, and Captain Thomas D. Jeffress, of Chase City, was called upon to reply. He did so in a most happy little speech.

TWO LARGE JUDGMENTS.

First Market Matters.

The Council Committee on First Market held its regular monthly meeting yearterday morning at 19 o'clock.

The pay-roll and bills for the month of March were approved and ordered to be paid, amounting to \$102.70.

Clerk McDowell reported that the sum of \$91.10 had been collected during the month of March for sanitary taxes and paid into the City Treasury.

The sub-Committee on Painting reported through Mr. Smith that Messrs, Jeter and Boisseau had refused to comply with the provisions of the contract for painting the roof of the market building. On motion of Mr. Harrelson, the vote by which the contract had been awarded was reconsidered. All bids were rejected and the cierk of the committee directed to solicit new bids for the painting of the roof, including scraping where necessary, the bids to specify the work of painting only, the material to be furnished by the city. Issuing Pension Certificates.

Clerk Christian, of the Hustings Court, was busy yesterday issuing certificates for pensions to Confederate soldiers and widows of veterans of the late war. These certificates are issued each year, beginning April 1st, and for several days thereafter the Clerk is kept busy making them out.

Hunt Club Meets This Month. The Deep Run Hunt Club meets this month will occur at 4 P. M., and on the Lynchburg.

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